#### TERRIFIC FIRE.

Conflagration Originates in a Malt House, Circinnati.

Whole Block on Front, Between Race and Vine Streets, Doomed.

Firemen Fight Against Heavy Odds-At 4 O'clock the Fire Was Under Control-Loss Will Foot Up About \$400,000 Many Business Houses Burned.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28. -At precisely 1 o'clock an alarm from Box 12 announced a fire in the great mait house of Herman Goepper & Co., on Commerce street.

It is supposed to have originated in the engine room, and so threatening was the aspect when Marshal Archi bald arrived that a "ten blow" was

Commerce street is such a narrov thoroughfare, and so covered was i with ice and snow, that it was with the greatest effort that the firemen go at the fire at all. Finally entrance were effected by bursting in doors or the Commerce street front and also or the alley side on the west of the build ing, and a dozen streams of water were soon playing upon the burning

The fire was a mean one to handle not only on account of the zero weath er, but because of the nature of the burning grain the smoke was so in tense that it was with difficulty the firemen could approach at ail. Very little flame was visible. It was ai

At 2:30 Thursday morning it was al most certain that the entire stock of Goepper & Co. would be ruined by smoke and water, if not destroyed by flames.

Ten minutes later the fire got away from the department, and in a moment -no longer did it seem-the flame. were bursting from windows and the roof. It was then seen that the build ing, a great six-story structure, was doomed, and others all around were

Immediately in the rear of the mait house is the cordage establishment of Overman & Schrader. This at 2:43 seemed almost certain to go with the malthouse. On the east, and fronting on Vine street, are a number of whole sale grocery establishments and whisky warehouses that were in the great

Adjoining the cordage establishment on the east was the brokerage and commission house of W. W. Blair & Co., No. 13, and next at No. 11 is the cotton and peanut house of Mellen, Brown & Co. Both are doomed.

On Vine street the rear of the commission house of Hill & Co., No. 39, and the rear of the cracker and fancy bakery of John J. Perkins & Co., are also on fire.

The indication are that the entire block will go.

At 2:55 an alarm from box 584, at Third and Walnut, in the heart of the banking district, gave a fresh alarm to the firemen, who already had their hands full a couple of blocks to the southwest. This fortunately was false.

From Mellen, Brown & Ca.'s the flames were communicated to a vacant furniture warehouse, No. 9 and to John Straun & Co.'s leaf tobacco house. No. 7, and the Cincinnati Transfer company, at the corner of Vine and Second.

On Vine street, south of the Transfer, at No. 53, was C. M. Holloway & Co.'s salt house, then C. H. Reinhardt & Co., confectioners, No. 49, the A. E. Mente Co., No. 47, W. G. Hill & Co., No. 45, and then to the Perkins and Palmer & Hill establishments already mentioned.

The flames crossed Commerce street and attacked the rear of the Kerr Grocery Co.'s building, on the southwest corner of Commerce and Vine, and also the Goepper malt house on the south of Commerce street.

The following is a list of firms burned out: Herman Goepper & Co., Overman & Schrader, W. W. Blair & Co., Mellen, Brown & Co., Furniture Warehouse Co., John Staun & Co., Cincinnati Transfer Co., C. H. Reinhardt & Co. C. M. Holloway & Co., Palmer, Hill & Co., A. E. Mente Co., W. G. Hill & Co. cery Co. The loss will aggregate

All during the raging of the fire about her place, Mrs Louis Jung, on to avenge some of the many lawless and newspaper boys. She was much deep creek, through a narrow defile. worried about the danger to her place. but that did not interfere with her charity.

The Emperor's Birthday.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.-Wednesday the emperor was celebrating his 38th birthday with his family at the Schloss, and in commemoration of the day has conferred the decoration of the order of the Black Eagle upon Dr. Von Lucanus, chief of his majesty's civil cabinet, and Dr. Miquel, Prussian minister of

Thousands of Cattle Frozen. DENISON, Tex., Jan. 28.—Prominent

stockmen of the Indian territory and the Pan Handle report that the recent blizzard has resulted in the death of thousands of cattle on the range. For the first time in years large water courses are frozen over.

Marder in the First Degree. DORCHESTER, N. B., Jan. 28.-The trial of John Sullivan for the murder of Elias Dutcher, of Meadbrook N. S., was concluded in the supreme court here Wednesday, the prisoner being found guilty and sentenced to be hanged March 12.

Senator Peffer's Successor Elected. TOPERA, Kas., Jan. 28.-At poon Wednesday the Kansas legislature met linen had been either cut off or erased. in joint convention and elected Wm. A. Harris to the United States senate to succeed Mr. Peffer.

Well-Known Lecturer and Writer Dead. New York, Jan. 28.-Mrs. Susan Amelia Mooran Steers, known as a lecturer and writer, died Wednesday evening at her home in this city of paralysis.

#### IN CONGRESS.

Military Academy Appropriation Bill Passes the Sounte-Immigration Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON. Jan. 28.-SENATE-The millitary academy appropriation bill was passed in the senate Wednesday, after a long and somewhat amusing controversy over one amendment providing for the attendance of the West Point cadets at the mauguration parade. The amendment was rejected, year 20. mays, 28 and the bill was passed. It ap propriates \$479.572, or \$5.000 more than the bil as it passed the house. This :5,000 is for the purchase of the Maxim semi-automatic fivepounder quick firing gun. The memorial of H. A. Dupont, of Delaware, in which he asserts that his claim to a seat in the senate was defeated last session through a miscount, or through a mistake about pairs, was presented by Mr. Chandler (rep. N. H.) and was referred to the committee on privileges and elections. The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up I gave rise to quite a spirited debate in the course of which Mr. Sherman suggested that although he would vote for the bill in any form presented, that it would be better to let it lie over until next session and intimated that he would favor the negotiation of a new treaty on the lines of the Frelinghuisen. So vals treaty. A motion to recommit the bill was made by Mr. Vilas, (dem. Wis.) and was pending when the senate at 4:45 adjourned un-til to-morrow.

House-By a vote of 131 to 118 the house Wednesday agreed to the conference report en the immigration bill, which embodied substantially a new measure, being different in some respects from either the sen-ate or house bill Speeches in fawor of the report made by Messrs Teanford (rep., O.), who presented it from the conferees: C. S. Stone (rep. Pa), Johnson (rep. Ind.), Corliss (rep. Mich.), Morse (rep. Mass.) Wilson (dem., S.C.), Taylor (rep. O.) and Hepburn (rep. Ia.), and in opposition to it by Messrs. Bartholdt (rep. Mo.). chairman of the house committee on immigration: Buck (dem. La), Parker (rep. N. J.), Walker (rep. Mass.), Cannon (rep., Il.), Grosvenor (rep., O.), Dolliver (rep., Ia.) and Bostrer (dem., La).

#### GEN. GOMEZ

In the Province of Matanzas - Weyler Con tinues His Policy of Terror and Persecu-

HAVANA, Jan. 28 .- It is reported in this city that Gen. Gomez is in the province of Matanzas. In the press censor's bureau nothing is said about it. In other official circles the same secrecy is maintained. Ignorance, real or pretended, is painfully apparent there. The whole attention of the island is now centered in Gomez, although it is always difficult to tell with certainty the whereabouts of the Cuban leader. Gomez never permits his position to be exactly known until he strikes one of his unexpected blows But that he has passed the boundary of Santa Clara province appears quite

Forty more persons were arrested Monday and sent to the common jail on political charges. Weyler's policy of terror and persecution is producing the natural effect of augmenting emigration to the United States and at the same time is stimulating the universal disaffection and the purpose to resist

Spain to the very end.

It is said that Maj. Fondevilla, who has been slaying so many Cubans in Guanabacoa, will soon be promoted to the rank of colonel. The truth is that Weyler has offered him a reward for his recent massacres. Weyler is an intimate friend of Fondevilla and brought him to the island as one of the men in whom he had the greatest confidence.

He served under Weyler in the Philippine and Canary islands. The news of his promotion for the savage butcheries which have made him infamous is therefore not at all extraor-

There is bitter feeling and much rivalry and jealousy between the navy and army. Adm. Navarro and Weyler have exchanged angry notes about several matters.

At 2 a.m., on January 24, patriots dynamited the iron bridge over the Tunicu river at Sagua, and, as a consequence, traffic is suspended.

Maj. Prats has destroyed the prefecture of the patriot Captain Cardeso, in the Zone of Placetas as far as Buena Vista, seizing the cattle and and horses. The capture is important on account of the location which is a strong strategic position. The prefecture of Quinto Ceperos and Dos Sierras also were destroyed. It is reported in Havana that a bat-

tle was waged at Las Mangas, Pinar del Rio province, on Thursday, between one of Col. San Martin's detachments and two troops of patriots, commanded by the brothers Delgado. The place has a Spanish garrison of

200 men. The Delgados marched to at-John J. Perkins & Co., The Kerr Gro- tack it, and word was sent to San Martin for aid. This the patriots learned of, and they prepared a recep-tion for San Martis's band, determined the southwest corner of Second and doings of this body of Spanish troops. Vine, served hot coffee to the firemen | On the way the column had to cross a The Cubans undermined the bridge and hid on the roadside beside the thick brush. As the Spaniards came up on the bridge it went down with them, and twenty or thirty men were precipitated into the water.

Not thinking of any trouble, the regular formations were broken in the attempt to rescue the soldiers in the water. This was the opportunity, and the Cubans poured in a destructive fire, and then shouting: "Cuba libre," charged fiercely upon them with waving machettes. The Spaniards could not retreat, and the fight was a hot and bloody one.

The Spaniard loss is reported at over 100, while the Cubans did not lose over 15 men. Gen. Rivera, hearing of the battle, thanked the brave men and their intrepid leaders in public, and said that with such leaders and men he would never give up the fight.

New Orleans Man Suicides in Quebec. QUEBEC, Jan. 28. - A guest at the Chatue Frontenac, the most fashinable hotel in the city, who register on the 20th inst. as Chester A. Ailsbery Sands of New Orleans, was found dead in his rooms Wednesday night with a bullet hole in his head. The marks on his The supposed suicide is a short stout man of dark complexion, and about 20 years of age.

American Jewish Historical Society. BALTIMORE, Jan. 38 .- The American lewish Historical society began its fifth annual meeting at the Hotel Rennert Wednesday afternoon, and also held an evening session.

## **BOARD OF TRADE**

The National Convention Adopts a Series of Resolutions.

Favors the Extension of the American Export Trade.

We Should Take the Lead in Developing the Foreign Markets-Favors the Regu-lation of Inter-State Freight Rates -Trade of Southern Republics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The National board of trade at its afternoon session Wednesday passed a resolution reaffirming its previous action on the subject of pooling railroads, and the adjustment of indebtedness of the

Pacific railroads to the government. Next, on the suggestion of the Chicago board of trade, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the National board of trade hereby affirms its advocacy of discriminating reciprocal commercial relations with foreign countries and urges the enactment of such legislation as shall secure to the United States the incalculable benefits of such relations. The extension of American export trade, proposed by the New York board of trade, resulted in the following resolution being unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the National board of trade calls attention with pleasure to the gratifying increase in our export trade during the past year, especially in manufactured products which embody not only the use of American raw materials, but the employment of American labor. The quality and utility of American products are recognized wherever they are known. The ingenuity of our inventors has produced thousands of articles of superior economy and convenience, which, if intelligently presented to the 1,370,000,000 consumers who exist outside of the United States, would find a market. That the same methods of publicity and personal representation pursued in the introduction of goods in this country, will prove effective when applied abroad That through associated efforts much can be accomplished, and hence we commend all such ef forts. That our government should not only closely follow other countries in the policy of developing foreign markets, but whenever possible take the lead in this commendable work.

At the suggestion of the Cincinnati chamber of commerce a resolution in regard to the regulation of inter-state freight rates was passed, petitioning congress to amend the act to regulate commerce so that it will provide a rem edy that will make the law effective.

At the instigation of the Merchants' exchange, of St. Louis, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the national board o trade again calls the attention of the national government to the importance of the enactment of such legislation as will re-establish and secure to the United States the trade of the southern republics and colonies.

The Philadelphia board of trade added to the reciprocity resolution the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That congress be urged to so legislate as to endeavor to re-establish the reciprocity of trade directly enjoyed with Germany, Spain, the South American nations and other countries. The Treaty Considered in the Senat .. .

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The senate committee on foreign relations Wed nesday considered the general treaty of arbitration between this country and Great Britain without reaching a conclusion. The general dri t of the discussion indicated that the instru ment must be amended so as to elim nate any possible inclusion of questions concerning the domestic or for eign policy of either of the contracting parties. It is believed by some members of the committee that a conclusion will be reached at a special meeting on Saturday and that the treaty will be reported to the senate Mon-Importation of Frozen Meats.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The importation of frozen meats, principally from slight rise in temperature. Australia, has increased enormously since the establishment of refrigerating warehouses at Havre, reports consul Chancellor at that port to the state department, the product arriving in perfect condition after a sea voyage of three or four months. Such meat, however, decomposes rapidly on exposure to the natural air and as many butchers label it as fresh meat, the French minister of agriculture has under consideration a law compelling all such frozen meats to be conspicuously labeled and providing a fine of from \$100 to \$200 with imprisonment for an evasion or violation, the punishment to be doubled for a second offense. Postal Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-Postmaster General Wilson has made public the statement of the postal receipts for the quarter ended December 31, 1896, as compared with the receipts for the corresponding period of 1895, which shows a decrease of about \$30,000, and is taken to be an indication of general business depression. Of 30 offices only 13 show an increase while 17 show a decrease. Chicago shows a decrease of \$4,735; Cincinnati, \$10,431; St. Louis, \$22,504, Cleveland, \$7,705; Kansas City, \$2,221; Minneapolis, \$6,202; St Paul, \$2,605 and Louisville, \$2,598.

The New Emigration Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The house Wednesday, after the reading of the journal, entered upon the consideration of the emigration bill as agreed upon by the confrees of the house and senate. Mr. Barthold (rep., Mo.), chairman of the house committee on immigration, refused to sign the re-

By a voted of 116 to 105 the house voted to adopt the conference committee's emigration bill. A vote by yeas and nays was ordered.

Clothing Merchant Dead. RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 28.—Peter Lichtenfels, the head of the firm of Lichtenfels & Co., clothiers, died Wednesday morning, aged 51.

#### CONDENSED NEWS

Sathered From All Parts of the Country The condition of Senator George Wednesday morning was reported as

anchanged. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone started from Hawarden for London Wednesday morning on route for Cannes. Both are in excellent health.

Ex-Mayor James Howell, president of the board of trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge Co., died Wednesday morning at his residence in Brooklyn after a lingering illness.

The steamers Three Friends and Dauntless which have been in custody of the U. S. marshal for several weeks at Jacksonville, Fla., were released on bond Wednesday, by order of the United States court.

The Ohio Coal Traffic association failed to agree Wednesday as to the percentage division of the carrying trade. A committee was appointed to meet in New York next Monday to take action in the matter.

A recent royal Belgian decree reported to the state department by Consul Roosevelt, at Brussels, imposes rigid restriction on the sale of lard and other alimentary fats by prescribing labels to show exactly what each product is.

The half-mile skating race between David Morrison, of Superior, Wis., and John S. Johnson, of Minneapolis, was settled at the Union rink, Duluth, Minn., Wednesday night. Morrison beat Johnson by fully 25 feet, his time being 1:221/4.

It is expected that Coxey's call for a parade for the unemployed on Washington's birthday will be answered by the 20,000 idle men in St. Louis. The central body of the Knights of Labor has appointed a committee to arrange for the parade in behalf of that organ-

United States Senator E. O. Wolcott, with his family, started from London for Dover Wednesday morning, en route for Paris, where he will continue his mission in the interest of bi-metalism. Among the passengers on board the train with Mr. Wolcott was Gen. Charles Paine, of Boston.

At Jacksonville, Fla., at 9 o'clock Wednesday night the mercury had fallen to 29 degrees, with a west wind and a barometer of 30-12. This indicates north Florida will experience a freeze. As the trucking interests of the northern portion of the state are meager, no great damage is expected. TRIBUNE will be mailed to you.

Wednesday afternoon a lawyer appeared in the general session's court. New York, and with power of attorney from Herbert B. Seeley, Theodore Rich and James Phipps, indicted Tuesday in connection with the Seeley dinner, entered a plea of not guilty, with leave to withdraw it and substitute any other motion he saw fit.

The New York Herald's special cable from Buenos Avres says: A battle took place Tuesday between Brazilian troops and religious fanatics in the state of Bahia, Brazil. The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the loss of the combatants on both sides 250 was killed and 300 wounded. The fanatics lost 40 men killed.

G. W. Clausenius, Chicago agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co., admitted Wednesday that he had sent 250 telegrams to the western agents of the company, urging them to fight the immigration bill which came before the house of representatives Wednesday. He put the appeal of the company on the ground of business only declaring the bill would practically put au end to the immigration handled by the company.

No Reason for the Slump. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 28.—At the offices of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railway, it is given out that there is no reason for the extraordinary slump of the stock on the market. They attribute it to manipulation of Wall street operators, the object being probably to get hold of the stock. Forecast for Thursday.

Washington, Jan 28 - For Ohio-Generally fair, preceded by light local snows, con-tinued cold westerly winds. For Kentucky-Fair: westerly winds; slight rise in temperature.

For Indiana-Fair, preceded by local snow in northern portion: northwesterly winds;

CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.

### THE MARKETS.

FLOUR-Winter patent. 84 75 84 95; do fancy \$4.25@4.50; do family, \$3.60@3.90; extra, \$2.75@ 3.25; low grade, \$2.50 12.73; spring patent, \$4.55 @4 90: do fancy, \$1.90@4.25: do family, \$1.55@ 38); rye northwestern, \$270@2.80; docity, \$2.70 WHEAT-No. 2 red, nominal at 89c.

CORN-Sales: Mixed, ear. track, 21%c; mixed ear, track, 21%c, yellow ear, track, 22%c. No. 2 mixed, track, 23c. OATS—Sales: Sample mixed, track, 17os sample white, track, 20%c.

Hogs—Select shippers', \$3.55@3.60; select butchers', \$3.55,23.60; fair to good packers', \$3.45,23.65; fair to good light, \$3.45,23.60; common and roughs, \$2 90@3.35.

CATTLE-Fair to good shippers. \$3.75 &4 65; none of the best on sale; good to choice butchers', \$3.85-2440; fair to medium butchers', \$3:55.23.75; common, \$2.50.23.00. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras. \$3.90.2

4.00: good to choice, \$3.40\(\frac{1}{2}\)3.85; common to fair, \$2.50\(\frac{1}{2}\)3.25; yearlings, \$4.60\(\frac{1}{2}\)4.50; best heavy wethers, \$4.00\(\frac{1}{2}\)4.25. Lambs—Extras, \$0.00\(\frac{1}{2}\)5. Ones of common to fair, \$2.50\(\frac{1}{2}\)5. none on sale; good to choice, \$5.00@5, 25, common to fair, \$3.75/24.75 VEAL CALVES-Full to good light, \$5.503 6.25; extras, \$6.50; common and large, \$3.50.3

WOOL-Unwashed fine merino, 9210e per 1b; quarter-blood clothing, 12213c; Imedium, de-laine and clothing, 12214c; braid, 11212c; medium combing, 13214% o: washed, fine Merino X to XX. 11412c; medium clothing, 14 hlbc; delaine fieece, 142,15c. long combing, 152,16c; quarter-blood and low. 132,14c; commen coarse, 11@12c, tub-washed, choice, 17@180

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 WHEAT-No. 2 red March 15 % 087%c: May, 82 5-16 283 %or July, 79% 280 5-160. CORN-No. 2, dull: May, 29 7-16 29% or July, OATS-Western, 20029c; May, 21%c.

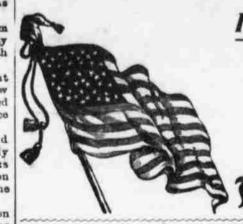
CHICAGO, Jan. 27. WHEAT-January, 74%c: May, 76%c; July, 73\(\)ec: September, 71\(\)ec. Cons--January, 22c; May, 23\(\)ec. 324c; July, 25c; September, 26c. OATS-January, 15kc; May, 17%@17%c; July,

CATTLE-Prime, \$4 8042 00; feeders, \$3.000 100; bulls, stags and cows. \$2.00 32.00 Hogs-Medium and prime light, \$3.75@3.80; common to fair, \$3.65@3.70; heavy, \$3.45@3.55; roughs, #2.50@3.20. SHEEP—Prime, \$4.00 g.4.10; common, #2.50@ 3.10; choice lambs, \$3.10@6.25; common to good,

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